The 18th Batchelder Conference for Archaeology and Biblical Studies

Conference Program

Thursday, November 10th 7:30 PM

Keynote speaker

Prof. Avraham Ronen – “The Earliest Burials and the Origin of Religions”

Friday, November 11th

8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast at the Israel Center UNO

Session chair Dr. Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Dr. Richard Freund, University of Hartford CT, “Why Geo-Science Matters: The Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) in Nazareth to the Great Synagogues of Vilna and Rhodes”

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Dr. Harry Jol, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and students, “Four GPR studies of Rhodes, Greece: Kahal Shalom, Kahal Grande, Synagogues, the Church of the Victory, and the Grandmaster Palace”

11:00 – 12:00 PM

Dr. Carl Savage, Drew University, “Jerusalem Lights on the Sea of Galilee”.

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch break
1:00 – 2:00 PM
Dr. Leonard Greenspoon, “And the Walls Came Tumbling Down? Once More with Joshua to Jericho”
Session chair, Dr. Richard Freund
2:00 – 3:00
Dr. Marcela Zapata Meza, Universidad Anahuac, Mexico, “The Archaeological Excavations at Magdala”
3:00 – 4:00
Cyd Burrows, University of Southern California, “GIS at Bethsaida”
4:00 – 5:00
Dr. Philip Reeder, Duquesne University, wants to present on “Mapping the Greater Mary’s Well and Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) area and the Great Synagogue of Vilna. “
7:30 Keynote Speaker
Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska at Omaha, “Animal Sacrifice in the Post Temple Period: History vs. Religious Tradition”

Saturday November 12th
Session chair: Dr. Rami Arav
9:00 – 10:00 AM
Alan Hix, Shorter College, “The Influence of Israel's Northern Neighbors on Religious Forms, Practices, and Architecture During the Iron Age”
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Ken Bensimon, “I am like a city wall and my breasts like towers; then I would have been in his eyes as one who finds peace” (Songs of Solomon, 8:10) Walls and Towers at Bethsaida.
11:00 – 12:00
Dr. Simon Gibson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, “New discoveries at Mt. Zion”.

12:00 – 1:00
Lunch break

1:00 – 2:00
Jerome Lynn Hall, University of San Diego, “Who Built the Kinneret Boat?”

Session Chair,
Dr. Carl Savage, Drew University

2:00 – 3:00 PM
Dr. James Tabor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, "The Abba Tomb in Jerusalem: Does it Belong to Hyrcanus II/Antigonus—the Last of the Hasmonean Kings?"

3:00 – 4:00 PM
Dr. Kris Udd, Grace University, “Nomina Sacra, the use of sacred names in the ancient records”

4:00 – 4:30
Hanan Shafir, Israel, “Photographing Archaeological excavations, RTI technology”.

4:30 – 5:00
Dr. Rami Arav, University of Nebraska at Omaha, “The First 30 years of Excavations at Bethsaida”.